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89. (New) The ink cartridge of claim 87, further comprising a mounting lever mounted on the carriage wherein the member of the carriage comprises a rod projecting from the mounting lever.

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90. (New) The ink cartridge of claim 88, wherein plural number of said recesses are formed in the outer surface of said lid.

REMARKS

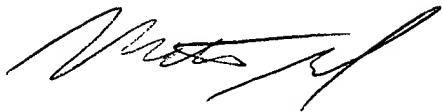
In response to the Office communication dated November 27, 2000, applicants respectfully submit the following remarks. Applicants have elected species III for continued prosecution which reads on claims 15-23 and 36-82. Applicants have amended claims 48-56, 59-61 and 63-73 to correct dependencies and typographical errors and in view of the election. Claims 74-82 have been canceled to avoid duplication. No new matter has been added by these amendments and no narrowing of the scope of the claims is intended.

New claims 83-86 are dependent claims which are supported by the specification as filed and the elected species of Figs. 7(a)-11(c). New claims 87-90 similarly are supported by Figs. 7(a)-11(c). Therefore, no new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place this application in condition for allowance and notice to the effect that claims 15-23, 36-73 and 83-90 are in condition for allowance is earnestly solicited. If for any reason, however, the Examiner should deem that this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuing a further Office Action.

Early and favorable action in connection with this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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